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For: U/A NON-GELATIN CAPSULE SHELL FORMATION

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement which is being submitted before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3).

The Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO 1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
 2. The enclosed form PTO 1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;

3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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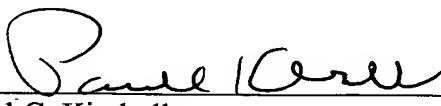
Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusions regarding the relevance of the cited information.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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